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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

USGAO FOR W. H. SHELEY, JR., DIRECTOR, FEB

REF: A. USGAO R 290106Z APR 78, B. USGAO R 130030Z APR 78
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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY IS PREPARING SCHEDULE FOR GAO SUGAR TEAM VISIT WHICH BEGINS MAY 31 AND REQUESTS CONFIRMATION FROM GAO THAT SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE IS SATISFACTORY. EMBASSY ALSO NEEDS TO KNOW IF TEAM WILL HAVE AUTHORITY IN ORDERS TO RENT CAR OR CARRYALL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS OUTLINED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR GAO SUGAR TEAM: JUNE 1-2 DISCUSSION AT EMBASSY AND CALLS ON GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE BUSINESS AND SUGAR ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS IN MANILA. JUNE 5-7 - VISIT SUGAR MILLS, LOADING FACILITIES AND CALL ON SUGAR AUTHORITIES IN BACOLOD (NEGROS OCCIDENTAL) AND ILOILO (PANAY). JUNE 8-9 VISIT SUGAR MILL REFINERIES AND LOADING FACILITIES NEAR MANILA.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES TIME WILL BE GAINED BY SETTING UP SCHEDULE BEFORE GAO TEAM ARRIVES, AND WE ARE ASSUMING A UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL APERCU OF PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY IS DESIRED. SINCE REFTELS DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR GAO VISIT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE USED TO FOCUS SCHEDULE.

4. WE ARE ASSUMING TEAM WILL HAVE AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL TO BACOLOD, ILOILO AND MANILA ENVIRONS. EMBASSY OFFICERS

WILL ACCOMPANY TEAM ON THESE TRIPS.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF TEAM WILL FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH AGATT'S YEARLY AND BI-YEARLY SUGAR REPORTS. COPIES OF THESE REPORTS ARE BEING MAILED BY APO TO GAO OFFICES IN HONOLULU, ATTENTION MS. ARNETTE. PAST YEAR'S REPORT IS NOW UNDER PREPARATION AND WILL BE PROVIDED TO TEAM ON ARRIVAL.

6. REQUEST GAO TEAM CONFIRM THAT SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE IS SATISFACTORY, SUGGESTING CHANGES AND OFFERING COMMENTS AS NECESSARY. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS CONFIRMATION EMBASSY WILL BEGIN REQUESTING SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS. ALSO, PLEASE NOTIFY EMBASSY WHETHER OR NOT TEAM WILL HAVE AUTHORITY IN ORDERS TO RENT CAR OR CARRYALL AS NECESSARY.TOUSSAINT

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